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METHOD FOR INCREASING THE RANGE OF PRODUCTION OF A METAL

PRODUCT ROLLING INSTALLATION AND INSTALLATION THEREFOR

PETITION TO WITHDRAW PATENT APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 14, 2007

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw the above-identified patent application from issue after payment of the issue fee to permit consideration of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$940.00 for payment of the filing fee (\$810.00) and the petition fee (\$130.00), and any other fees which may be due to effect grant of this Petition, to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 103120-00066.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 are satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

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